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- 3. Copies of Cited Reference A1; C1; and
- 4. Return Postcard.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the International Search Report for PCT/US03/29798, mailed April 26, 2004.

Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed due at this time.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and sign the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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